

living yet and has reached the ripe old age of eighty-two years.

Their son, Henry C. Drennan, obtained a limited education in the district schools, his opportunities being more limited than they would otherwise have been, owing to the hard conditions laid upon the people by the war, which continued for years after that was over. He left school at an early age and at once began the career as a farmer which has made him successful in a worldly way and given him consequence and influence among the people. He has pursued his industry in this line of effort ever since and has wrung from the soil of this county, by arduous and continued industry, skill in the application of his labor and good judgment in the management of his operations, a substantial estate and the prospect of still greater achievements. He owns and has mostly under cultivation 360 acres of first-rate land, improved with good buildings and provided with all the appurtenances of an attractive and comfortable country home. In connection with his farming operations he carries on a thriving general live stock industry which is managed with the same intelligence and care as his farming, and which brings him returns in proportion..

Mr. Drennan has ever been active and zealous in the service of his community, manifesting his interest in its welfare by close attention to its requirements and an effective support of every worthy enterprise designed to promote its progress and development. He served on the school board for a period of more than fifteen years, and in other ways has done his part to advance the general weal of

the locality and its people. In politics he is a firm and consistent Republican, but he has never been an over-active partisan. He was married in 1882 to Miss Sallie C. Miller, a native of Ohio who came to this state with her parents when she was three years old. They have four children, Hurley H., Fred M., Alice and Phil O.

WILLIAM CUMMINGS RAINES.

Born in Wisconsin in 1839, at a time which may properly be designated as belonging to the early history of the Middle West, and in later years carried by his occupation to almost every other part of the country west of the Alleghany mountains, William C. Raines, now one of the prosperous and progressive farmers of Bethel township, in this county, has had a varied experience and found it profitable, not only in the acquisition of worldly wealth, but in giving him knowledge of himself and others, and a familiar acquaintance with the various parts of our great domain which lie between our two mighty mountain ranges.

Mr. Raines is a scion of old Virginia families on his father's side of the house, his ancestors having lived in the Old Dominion from early colonial days. From there his grandfather migrated to Kentucky when that now great commonwealth was almost a pathless wilderness, and there his father, Isaac Raines, was born. His mother, whose maiden name was Sarah Ramsdell, was a native of Indiana. Of the eight children born in his father's family he is now the only one living. The father was of a migratory

disposition and sought advancement in various parts of the country. He came to Missouri and located in Marion county, at Hannibal, at an early date, after living successively in Kentucky, Indiana and Wisconsin. In 1850, when the excitement over the discovery of gold on the Pacific slope was at its height, he went to California. He did not tarry long in the new eldorado, however, but soon returned to his Marion county, Missouri, home.

Still the gold fever had him in its grip, and the longing for the Pacific coast was constantly with him while he was busily engaged in cultivating his Ralls county farm for a number of years. At length it became irresistible, and in 1863 he went back to California, taking his wife with him, and there he remained thirty years, his wife dying there in 1880. Thirteen years later, in 1893, he returned again to Missouri, Shelby county, and here he died in 1899.

William C. Raines obtained his education in the public schools of Hannibal, Missouri. After leaving school he learned the blacksmith trade, but he has never worked at it. In 1858, when he was nineteen years old, he became an engineer on transports and tow boats, and in this capacity he was employed for a period of nearly forty years during which he traversed every navigable river in the West. In 1886 he came to Shelby county, Missouri, accompanied by his family, and settled down as a farmer, to which occupation he has ever since adhered. He has prospered in his agricultural enterprise, and now owns and has under cultivation 137 acres of superior land, which constitutes one of

the attractive and valuable country homes of Bethel township, and is managed with skill and intelligence that make him one of the model farmers of the locality.

On December 12, 1863, he was united in marriage with Miss Mary E. Callo-way, a native of Maryland. They had six children, two of whom are living, their daughters, Emma, the wife of William P. Roberts, of St. Louis, and Julia C., the wife of J. C. Smith, of Walkersville, Missouri. The mother of these children died on January 8, 1909, aged seventy years. In politics the father belongs to the Democratic party, but owing to his migratory life he has never taken an active interest in political affairs. He is not a member of any church or fraternal organization, but is an excellent citizen, highly esteemed by all who know him and well worthy of the universal regard in which he is held in his own community, in the welfare of which he takes an earnest and serviceable interest.

FRANCIS M. KIMBLEY.

Becoming an orphan at the age of seventeen by the untimely death of his father, which left the family in straitened circumstances, and in consequence, obliged to make his own way in the world without the aid of outside help or Fortune's favors in any way, F. M. Kimbley, of Bethel township, in this county, found life's journey a rough and stony road during several years of his progress on it toward the goal of his hopes. He is now one of the most successful and prosperous farmers and stock men of the township, prominent and influential as a citi-